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Extradition Of Ricord Challenged

NEW YORK, Sept. 28 (UPI)—The defense for Auguste Joseph Ricord, accused of being a major international narcotics smuggler, charged today that the U.S. government engaged in "blackmail and kidnaping" in order to get Ricord out of Paraguay.

Ricord's attorney, Herbert Hadman, made the charge in asking Federal Court Judge John Cannella to schedule a hearing "to determine the manner in which the defendant was induced to be held and transferred to agencies of the United States."

Hadman said he was prepared to subpoena "those responsible for this extraordinary extradition proceeding," including U.S. Attorney General Richard Kliendienst, the U.S. Ambassador to Paraguay and the participating U.S. Customs agents.

Ricord was extradited to the United States on Aug. 2 and has been held in record bail of \$1.5 million on a charge of conspiring to smuggle a massive quantity of heroin into the United States.

Cannella scheduled Ricord's jury trial to begin Oct. 30.

Hadman's motion was one of 13 he made, all except one being rejected by Cannella. The judge agreed to a hearing within a week or 10 days on whether the 62-year-old defendant, a diabetic and heart patient, was physically able to stand trial at this time.